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The Abe Oster Holocaust Remembrance Award

The Abe Oster Holocaust Remembrance Award has been established to honor the memory of Abe Oster. During his lifetime, Abe worked selflessly, together with his wife Ann, to encourage young people to study the Holocaust and to develop an understanding of its implications. The Jewish Community Center on the Palisades would like to perpetuate Abe's memory by insuring that this goal continues to be fostered. It is our hope, that every year, we will identify a meaningful project to be engaged in by the youth of our community that will increase their knowledge of this horrific historical reality. We hope to elicit a personal response to the Holocaust, by high school students, that demonstrates a historical and moral understanding of the events.

This award also serves as a living memorial to the six million innocent Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Among these were one and a half million children, including Abe Oster's brother Avrum and sister, Yocheved, both toddlers, murdered simply because they were Jews. *Gan Hazikaron*, The Avrum and Yocheved Holocaust Memorial Garden at the Jewish Community Center on the Palisades - an area for contemplation, reflection and inspiration - was lovingly dedicated in their memories by Ann and Abe Oster.

Project for 2005:

Write an essay that describes the lessons you have learned from your comprehensive study of the Holocaust and how those lessons may be applied to present communal or global issues.

The Awards:

First Place: \$360; a personal guided tour for the award recipient and his/her family of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City; a one-year family membership to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City; the opportunity for the award recipient to read his/her essay, or a portion thereof, at the Yom Hashoah Commemoration at the Jewish Community Center on the evening of May 5, 2005; the essay will be submitted to the Jewish Standard for publication.

Second Place: \$180; a one-year student membership to the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City.

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Both award recipients will receive recognition at the Yom Hashoah Commemoration at the Jewish Community Center in Tenaflly, NJ; publication in the Yom Hashoah program, and in *In the Center* (a publication of the JCC on the Palisades).

Contest Rules:

The contest is open to all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students either residing in Bergen County or enrolled in a Bergen County public or private high school. Entries from students of all backgrounds are encouraged.

Applicants must list on the attached Cover Page their name, address, telephone number, birth date, school name & address, grade in school, and, if they are chosen, indicate whether they are available to attend the Yom Hashoah Commemoration on May 5, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. at the JCC on the Palisades in Tenaflly, NJ. They must state that they meet the eligibility requirements and the student as well as his or her parent or legal guardian must sign below this statement. This Cover Page must be submitted together with, and paper-clipped to, the essay. Submissions must be typed with double-spaced line spacing and 12pt. font size.

An applicant may only submit one, original, typewritten essay of not more than 1000 words. Essays will be read and evaluated by a panel of judges.

Notification of Award:

Winners will be notified by telephone by April 21, 2005.

Deadline:

Essays must be received no later than April 1, 2005 by either mail, e-mail or hand delivery to:

The JCC on the Palisades

411 East Clinton Avenue

Tenaflly, New Jersey 07670

Attention: Ophrah Listokin, Assistant Executive Director olistokin@jcconthepalisades.org

For further information you may call Ophrah Listokin at 201-569-7900 ext. 433

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Cover Page

To be filled out by Applicant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: _____

Cell: _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current High School: _____

School Address: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____

Telephone Number of School: _____

I, _____, (Applicant) meet the eligibility requirements set forth for The Abe Oster Holocaust Remembrance Award and I will make every effort to be available on the evening of May 5, 2005 for the Yom Hashoah Commemoration at the Jewish Community Center on the Palisades in Tenaflly, New Jersey.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature indicating consent of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____